

Highway thru Hell

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Slow down and move over because it's the law. Highway Thru Hell is the program that is currently on my television screen. A tow truck driver has just lost his life during a clean up on a highway. For the last hour it has showed some of the most recent accidents across Canada, mostly during the winter months.

As we know, in Canada winters are unpredictable. Mother Nature can come in without warning with nasty storms. Before long we will see the snowstorms once again. A friend from out of town just posted that they have just received their first snowfall. YUK!

Folks, many of us are in a hurry and I am among them. I am one of the worst for cursing and swearing while driving. There... my secret is out. Many ask why I do not have my name and picture on my vehicle for my business. Simple response, "I don't want people to know it's me".

Many of us have seen those who just cannot wait an extra few seconds to allow oncoming vehicles to go by. Instead, someone feels they have enough time to proceed into oncoming traffic. Then there are those who go for Sunday drives during the week and hold everyone else up. It is also seen on the highways. If you are driving slowly, move to the slow lane, please and thank you.

How about when someone passes you, and suddenly their car swerves to get back into the same lane that you are in! No one else is in sight but they just have this urge to pull in front of you. HELLO!

With that, we will see many accidents on the first snowfall. We have heard it many times "adjust your driving to the weather conditions". Personally, I hate the snow because it is so unpredictable when it comes to driving. If I am sitting in my office looking out at freshly fallen snow, then it is beautiful.

Many put on snow tires for a bit of reassurance, but some think they can plow through anything. Some will steer in and out of traffic figuring they are indispensable, but unfortunately, they are the ones to be concerned about.

Recently another accident happened on Petrolia Line and Kimball Sideroad that claimed another life. It is known as one of the most dangerous intersections. A call for a roundabout has been mentioned yet nothing will be in place on or before 2021 and at what cost? One can say it will be at the tune of 1 million dollars but that is only for the roundabout. How much will it cost to purchase the land required? Do you think people will part with their homes easily? Furthermore, I travel the roundabout at Lakeshore and Mandaumin. Ever see the transport trucks trying to maneuver around it? Petrolia Line is a very busy road with numerous transport trucks and farmers using that roadway. In my opinion, I only see it another hazard, especially in the winter. Here is a thought. How about a traffic light? It is simple, is more cost effect and is immediate. Maybe there is a lot more to it than that? With that, how many more lives must be lost?

Folks, it is a weird year and I am imagining the last couple months will be no different. Let's finish off this year with a brighter light. I think the term "let's go out with a bang" will be looked at in a totally different way.

So, if you get nothing else from this column this month, please take this with you. **SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER, IT'S THE LAW.**

Take care, stay safe, stay healthy and remember to be kind to one another.

One more thing...

I heard on the radio that the government will go through and spend mega bucks to hire more inspectors for private industry. But here's a thought... who investigates the government member or government agency that has broken the rules? Really think about it, how would one investigate the employer that is paying them? Anyways, that is a topic for another month.

